



## EWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 23

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2006 EWA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Prior to starting the meeting, Chair Bautista reminded everyone of Order and Decorum. He requested that all views be respected.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Gary Bautista called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. with a quorum present.

**MEMBERS' PRESENT:** Jeff Alexander, Alisa Bender, tom Berg, Rich Hargrave, Kurt Fevella, Gary Bautista, James Moylan, Normand Robert, Michael O'Neill, Reynaldo Rodriguez and Sai Tagovailoa-Amosa.

**GUESTS:** Etherlreda Kahalewai, Gayle Stover, Art Maria Landford, Gary Oliva (Hawaiian Electric Co.), Diane Reece (Child and Family Service), Scot Belford (Senator Will Espero's Office staff), Jim Propotnick (Governor's Representative), Firefighter Emmett Hall (Honolulu Fire Department), Jaime Gutierrez, Gary Omori, Cal Sueoka (Board of Water Supply), Mary Jay, Coby Lynn, Representative Kymberly Pine, Brian Rykowski, Dick Beamer, Bruce Wilson, Joyce Oliveira (Mayor's Representative), Mary Serrao (Puuloa OCC, Deb Luning (Gentry Homes), Linda Sakai, Poyer Gaul; Neighborhood Commission Office staff: Kelley Santiago, Joan Manke and Michelle Kidani.

**INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS:** Chair Bautista introduced the board members present.

7:10 p.m. - Rey Rodriguez and Mike O'Neill arrived. (9 members present)

**APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY IN SUBDISTRICT 2:** The floor was open for nominations.

**Nominees were: Darlene Gonzalez, Warren Taylor, Richard Hargrave and Gilberto Galarza.**

Taylor declined nomination.

The remaining nominees were allotted some time to provide a brief background about themselves.

**A roll call vote was taken resulting in the following:**

**Gonzalez – 4 votes** (Bender, Bautista, Rodriguez and Tagovailoa-Amosa)

**Hargrave – 5 votes** (Alexander, Berg, Robert, Moylan and O'Neill)

**Galarza – 0 votes**

A minimum of 6 votes is required for a nominee to be appointed to the board. The minimum number of votes was not achieved therefore a second roll call vote was administered resulting in the following:

**Gonzalez – 3 votes** (Bender, Rodriguez and Tagovailoa-Amosa)

**Hargrave – 6 votes** (Alexander, Berg, Robert, Moylan, O'Neill and Bautista)

**Hargrave was appointed by the board to fill the vacancy. The Neighborhood Assistant administered to Hargrave, the Oath of Office.**

10 members now present.

**REPORTS:**



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**Honolulu Fire Department** – Firefighter Emmett Hall reported the following for March 2006: (1) Statistics include: 2 brush and 2 rubbish fires, 59 medical, 1 search/rescue, 1 miscellaneous and 5 flood-related emergencies. (2) Fire Safety Tip: Cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and the second major cause of death among older adults. If you are cooking and must leave the kitchen, even for only a few minutes, turn off the stove. Keep a fire extinguisher (with a minimum rating of 2A10BC) in or near your kitchen and learn how to use it. Inspect the fire extinguisher regularly to ensure that it has not expired.

**Honolulu Police Department** – Capt. Gregg Leftcourt provided some information regarding HPD's 2006 legislative Package. He highlighted several bills that were carried over from the 2005 legislative session to include SB 601/HB 312 – Relating to unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle and SB 607/HB318 relating to theft. Capt. Leftcourt also reported on SB 2579/HB 3015 and SB 2217/HB 1899, relating to firearms and ammunition and also traffic.

Questions, comments and concerns: (1) It was mentioned that it took an officer 1 hour to respond to a call of emergency. Capt. Leftcourt reported that calls are prioritized according to severity. He added that officer do respond to every call made to 9-1-1.

7:46 p.m. – Kurt Fevella arrived. (11 members present)

**Informational briefing relating to the 8 issues in the 2006 Legislation that will affect HPD –**

**Moylan moved seconded by Berg that the board support the bills presented by Capt. Leftcourt and send a letter to the Police chief noting their support. The motion carried, 8-0-3.** Nay: Alexander, Tagovailoa-Amosa and Fevella)

The agenda was taken out of order.

Chair Bautista introduced Joan Manke (Executive Secretary) and Michelle Kidani of the Neighborhood Commission Office.

Dick Beamer, a previous board member was recognized as he celebrated his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. Representative Rida Cabanilla and Karen Awana of Councilmember Todd Apo's office each presented Beamer with a Certificate of Recognition.

The agenda resumed order.

**Ewa Weed & Seed Unit** – A representative was not present at this time.

**Board of Water Supply** – Cal Sueoka reported the following: (1) There were no main breaks in the month of March. (2) General Water Announcement: With the recent heavy rains, you may have questions on how or if they have affected our water supply. The following information will give you some insight: 1. When it rains heavily, the pumpage drops because people don't water their lawns, wash their cars, or do other heavy water consumption outdoor activities. 2. While heavy rains can briefly cause water levels to rise, this doesn't not indicate that there is more water in the aquifer, only that BWS is pumping less water from them. Usually, when the rain ends, the aquifer levels will go back to regular levels as pumpage rises to accommodate people resuming the activities they put off while inclement weather is occurring. 3. During heavy rains, there is always considerable runoff that occurs. Despite the runoff, rainy weather helps maximize the amount of rainfall available for aquifer recharge. 4. Winter and Spring rains help to balance out the dry months expected this summer. 5. Continue to be mindful of water use even during periods like these as the effects from them will not be immediately evident. (3) Water conservation tips: (a) The height at which you mow your lawn can have a direct effect on how much and how often you water it. Make sure you know what the correct height is for the type of grass you have on your lawn. (b) Leaving grass cutting on your lawn can help soil retain moisture naturally.

Questions, comments and answers: (1) Tagovailoa-Amosa questioned the reasoning for her encounter with "murky" water after turning on her fawcett last month at her home on Papipi St. She reported the incident to BWS employee who could not determine the cause. Sueoka will follow-up on the concern.

**Parks & Recreation** – A representative was not present.

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**Military** – Commander Mark Sevilla reported normal operation for the month. He added that various Barbers Pt. facilities are available to the public on a short-term lease. At the board's request, a representative of the military may provide additional information about the leases.

Questions, comments and answers: (1) Concern was raised about access to Iroquois Pt. beach being off-limits to the general public. Cmdr. Sevilla will follow-up on the concern.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

**Mayor's Representative** – Joyce Oliveira reported the following: (1) Anyone wishing to apply or pay for their building permits via the internet may do by visiting [www.honoluluodpp.org](http://www.honoluluodpp.org). (2) The Department of Parks and Recreation is in need of summer aides. It is required that applicants have at least one year of college experience. The selected applicants would be paid \$7.50 per hour. (3) Follow-up for last month: (a) Regarding the synchronization of traffic signals at the intersections of Ft. Weaver and Kahina, and Ft. Weaver and Papipi at Kolowaka, the signals are synchronized. After checking the traffic signals, it was determined that the synchronization time clock was not working properly. The clocks were adjusted and serviced.

Questions, comments and answers: (1) It was reported that the convenience center in Ewa is too small for the growing community. (2) Regarding the proposed rent increases at West Loch Village, Fevella requested that management companies assist the elderly tenants in finding grant/funding opportunities. He also requested that the City oversee the procedures used by the contracted company. Oliveira reported that the rent increases have been deferred. (3) Alexander raised concern about the dust and noise made by crews performing night work at the intersection of Pohakupuna and Ft. Weaver roads. (4) Suggestion was made that potholes be sprayed with fluorescent paint in an effort to assist drivers with avoiding them.

**Councilmember Todd Apo** – Karen Awana reported the following: (1) \$1.7 million has been set aside in the budget to complete park improvements at Geiger Community Park.

**Governor's Representative** – Jim Propotnick was present and available for questions.

Questions, comments and answers: (1) Suggestion was made that the Governor's attend the board meeting. (2) A request was made that the Governor releases the \$85 million for the North/South Road completion.

**Senator Will Espero** – Scott Belford distributed Senator Espero's report and highlighted the following: (1) Senator Espero recently facilitated a discussion with the City's Department of Transportation Services. Recognizing the need for community input, his office organized a community meeting at Holomua Elementary. Attendees heard from the City, from other citizens, and from the children most affected by the dangerous condition on Keaunui Drive. Plans were presented that called for reducing Keaunui Drive to one lane in front of the school. There was nearly unanimous support for Senator Espero's counter-proposal for stop signs.

Questions, comments and answers: (1) Suggestion was made to install roundabouts/speed bumps in the area of Holomua School.

**Representative Kymberly Pine** – Representative Pine distributed her report and highlighted the following: (1) A meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18 at Ewa Beach Library at 7 p.m. to discuss issues such as the North South Road project, and the issue of traffic control in the Ewa area. (2) On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Army's emergency air ambulance helicopter crews were recognized for their work in responding to serious traffic accidents and other medical emergencies on Oahu since 1974.

**Representative Rida Cabanilla** – Representative Cabanilla distributed her report and highlighted the following: (1) Representative Cabanilla requested the Department of Transportation (DOT) erect plastic delineators at the right turn lane, proceeding east on Renton Road towards Ft. Weaver. The purpose is to prevent motorists from using the right turn lane as a lane to turn left at the intersection of Ft. Weaver Rd. The DOT has initiated a work order to resolve the problem.

**Board of Education** – A representative was not present.

9:11 p.m. – Chair Bautista called for a recess.

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9:20 p.m. – The meeting resumed order.

**Alexander moved seconded by Hargrave to take the agenda out of order and move to Committee Reports. The motion carried unanimously, 11-0-0.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs** – Fevella reported the following: (1) Efforts of obtaining public access to Iroquois Pt. Beach is still being worked on. (2) The Bash at the Bush event was a huge success. Fevella thanked everyone for their participation and acknowledged the sponsors of the event for their generosity. (3) Plans to start a basketball tournament in June at Puuloa Park are being worked on.

**Planning, Permitting and Zoning** – No report.

**Report on the discussion regarding the pros and cons of a construction moratorium** – Rodriguez reported that construction is a big problem in the community, both with housing and business development.

Questions, comments and answers: (1) Alexander suggested a motion to request a construction moratorium in Ewa. There was no second. Coby Lynn reported that a vote was taken at the board's last All Committee meeting in which the majority did not favor a moratorium. Berg added that 8 of 20 guests present at the meeting were in favor of the moratorium and did not carry a majority. Fevella reported that he voted "no" to the moratorium.

**Legislative and Capital Improvement Programs** – Berg made the following recommendations to the board:

1. **Resolution from Board to include language that any housing development project proposed to be constructed within the Ewa Historical District/Boundary include there quest that the developers submit its plans and or designs to the State Historical Preservation Division for approval and comply with architectural prerequisites defined by the State Historical Preservation Division whereby the results or findings are to be made known to the Board by the developer prior to construction.**

**Without objections, the recommendation was unanimously accepted, 11-0-0.**

2. **Resolution from Board to request that any housing development project proposed within the Ewa Historical District/Boundary include information to the Board on what the impact of the additional housing will have on existing traffic conditions including an estimate for motor vehicle counts expected on Renton Road and Ft. Weaver Road emanating from the housing development proposed.**

**Without objections, the recommendation was unanimously accepted, 11-0-0.**

3. **Requesting the Honorable mayor Mufi Hannemann to initiate passenger ferry service from Iroquois point to Honolulu Harbor.**

**Without objections, the recommendation was unanimously accepted, 11-0-0.**

**Alexander moved seconded by Tagovailoa-Amosa to take the agenda out of order and move to Unfinished Business. The motion carried unanimously, 11-0-0.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Update on construction/addition of buildings at Child and Family Service** – Diane Reece briefly updated the board on the following: (1) The concerns raised at the last meeting and the possible use of the property at the back of the Child and Family Service as the access is being worked on with Schuler Homes, the owner of the property. Dialogue continues between Schuler Homes and Child and Family Service. As more information is made available, the board will be updated on the progress.

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10 p.m. The Neighborhood Assistant left the meeting. The board completed the remaining meeting minutes.

Submitted by:

Kelley Santiago  
Neighborhood Assistant

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Franciscan Vistas** - Pamela Witty-Oakland of the Franciscan Vistas introduced her development team.

Witty-Oakland explained the following about the project:

The project will consist of about 327 units, which will include a community center. Rental units will be on the center. About one third of the units will be for sale units. About 120 plus units will be town houses and single family units which will be affordable (80 to 140 percent of the medium income) and will continue to remain affordable even when it is sold in the later years. 100% mortgage on the home will be provided.

The for sale units are to be dedicated first to employees of St. Francis hospital, first responders for the Ewa Beach area, then to the general public.

A conceptual presentation was previously made to this board. Two other presentations were previously provided to the Ewa Villages Homeowners Association and one to the general public at the Ewa Elementary School in January.

She added that they would like to formally inform the community of their intention to submit a CUP (Conditional Use Permit) application for the modification, for the parking requirements, for the senior residents units only, changing from 1 parking for every 3–4 units to parking for every 1 – units. Grading permits will be required by the end of the year.

A community member (male) made a comment that he did some research and it should be 1 parking per tenant. Pamela will look into it.

CM (lady) was concerned about the egress and ingress to the area. Witty-Oakland replied and the reply was acceptable by the enquirer.

Question was raised about the height and security for the area. Witty-Oakland noted that a 30 feet height and is consistent with the height requirements for the area. The area is not and is not meant to be a “gated community” – it is designed to be a “neighbor oriented” community. An internal security will be provided.

Question was raised about the “preferential” designation for the “affordable homes”. Response – The designation is consistent with the mission statement to provide housing for the first responders of the community. Hospital, Hospice, Home Care, County (Ambulance, Fire, Police), then the General Public.

Comment was made that the purpose of the SR# ??? bill submitted that the intent was that whenever a change is made to a conceptual planned development after a presentation has been made to the community, the developer must inform the community. In addition, prior to the presentation a Board Member made comment regarding the boundaries of the Franciscan Vistas and the Historical Core of the Ewa Villages. He feels that the boundaries of the Historical Core of the Ewa Villages has been violated and continuing research in this area.

**The board unanimously voted to support the project and the CUP application.**

Submitted by:

L. Gary Bautista, Chair